

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1                   1.     A method for reducing the servo position error signal non-  
2 linearity during self-servo writing, comprising:  
3                   measuring the write width for all heads; and  
4                   adjusting a write current for each head in a disk drive toward a  
5 predetermined level.

1                   2.     The method of claim 1 further comprising determining a  
2 mean track propagation width for the disk drive, the predetermined level  
3 establishing the a mean track propagation.

1                   3.     The method of claim 1 wherein the measuring further  
2 comprises determining a mean head width and the adjusting further comprises  
3 adjusting the write current for each head by applying a higher write current to  
4 heads smaller than the mean head width and a lower write current to heads  
5 wider than the mean head width.

1                   4.     The method of claim 1 further comprising verifying the  
2 optimal performance is achieved using the adjusted write currents.

1                   5.     The method of claim 4 wherein the verifying further  
2 comprises repeating the measuring and adjusting until a track propagation for the  
3 disk drive meets a predetermined criteria.

1                   6.     The method of claim 5 wherein the predetermined criteria  
2 comprises a predetermined minimum threshold.

1                   7.     The method of claim 5 wherein the predetermined criteria  
2 comprises a minimum variance in track propagation width.

1                   8.     A disk drive, comprising:  
2                   a plurality of data storage media mounted for simultaneous rotation  
3 about an axis;  
4                   an actuator for moving each of a plurality of heads relative to an  
5 associated data storage media for reading and writing data to the associated  
6 data storage media, and  
7                   a disk controller for writing a data pattern to respective data storage  
8 media utilizing each of the plurality of heads, wherein the disk controller  
9 measures the write width for each of the plurality of heads and adjusts a write  
10 current for each of the plurality of heads toward a predetermined level.

1                   9.     The disk drive of claim 8 wherein the disk controller  
2 determines a mean track propagation width for the disk drive, the predetermined  
3 level establishing a mean track propagation.

1                   10.    The disk drive of claim 8 wherein the disk controller  
2   measures the write width for each of the plurality of heads by determining a  
3   mean head width and adjusting the write current for each of the plurality of heads  
4   by applying a higher write current to heads smaller than the mean head width  
5   and a lower write current to heads wider than the mean head width.

1                   11.    The disk drive of claim 8 wherein the disk controller further  
2   verifies that optimal performance is achieved using the adjusted write currents.

1                   12.    The disk drive of claim 11 wherein disk controller verifies that  
2   optimal performance is achieved by repeating the measuring and adjusting until a  
3   track propagation for the disk drive meets a predetermined criteria.

1                   13.    The disk drive of claim 12 wherein the predetermined criteria  
2   comprises a predetermined minimum threshold.

1                   14.    The disk drive of claim 12 wherein the predetermined criteria  
2   comprises a minimum variance in track propagation width.